

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.904
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

POSTS OF DOCTORS

904. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of hospitals under the Zonal Railway, Zone-wise;**
- (b) whether doctors are available in all the departments in these hospitals and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of sanctioned posts of doctors, the number of doctors working, the number of posts vacant and the period since these posts are vacant in divisional hospitals of Western Railway; and**
- (d) the steps being taken by the Railways for filling up the vacant posts?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 904 BY SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2018 REGARDING POSTS OF DOCTORS

(a) The number of hospitals under the Zonal Railways, Zone-wise is given below:

S. No.	Name of the Zone	No. of Hospitals
1.	Central Railway	11
2.	Eastern Railway	10
3.	East Central Railway	09
4.	East Coast Railway	04
5.	Northern Railway	12
6.	North Central Railway	05
7.	North Eastern Railway	07
8.	Northeast Frontier Railway	10
9.	North Western Railway	08
10.	Southern Railway	11
11.	South Central Railway	06
12.	South Eastern Railway	06
13.	South East Central Railway	05
14.	South Western Railway	04
15.	Western Railway	09
16.	West Central Railway	07
17.	Metro Railway	01

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) &(d) Doctors in Railway are appointed through Combined Medical Service Examination (CMSE) on the basis of recommendations made by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). However, rate of joining of these doctors is not upto the number of vacancies. To overcome the shortage, as a gap arrangement, doctors both General Duty and Specialists are appointed on contract basis as Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs). Further, retired railway doctors are also being appointed on contractual basis.

As regards availability of doctors over Western Railways, there are 124 sanctioned posts of doctors in the Divisional Hospitals out of which 54 doctors recruited through UPSC are posted. The vacant posts of doctors are manned by engaging doctors as Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs).
